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POLICE SIFT HOT CLUES IN SEARCH FOR SEX FIEND

Clues Provided in Area Search Probed

Police this week continued to sift through the hundreds of clues furnished in an area-wide manhunt last Monday when Torrance area women turned out en masse to scour the community for a set of steps which might disclose the lair of the sex fiend who raped a 10-year-old choir girl on Jan. 11.

Object of the search was a set of circular steps which was described by the victim as the approach to the fiend's Sunday hideout.

Torrance area women united to seek out all such steps in the area, and police officers have been busy throughout the week carefully checking out each set of such steps reported to the police.

"I have looked at a hundred such steps during the past week," Sgt. D. C. Cook said yesterday. "Each one checked so far has been eliminated as the one sought," he said. "We are still looking, however," the sergeant said. "The next one we check might be the one."

Also in on the search are deputies of the Lennox sheriff's station who are carrying dia-

Groundbreaking Rites Set For Lomita Telephone Co.

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for the new business offices of the Lomita telephone exchange, Frank Jordan, district manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., announced yesterday. The offices will be located in downtown Lomita on Narbonne Ave.

June in January Hits City With Mercury at 86

It was June in January in Torrance Friday as the thermometer hit 86 degrees, only four degrees short of the all-time high for this month, set Jan. 8, 1923.

The temperature reading here was only three degrees below the hottest spot in the nation, Culver City, where the thermometer reached 89 degrees. It climbed from a low of 44 degrees in the wee hours of the morning to the hot point shortly after noon.

Other high Southland temperatures were Glendale and San Pedro, 87, and Long Beach, 86. Perspiring citizens got a little relief from the heat wave yesterday as the mercury settled down to a comfortable 79 degrees.



SOLDIERS FOR DIMES . . . Members of Girl Scout Troop 610, sponsored by the Nativity Catholic Church, covered the downtown area yesterday with their March of Dimes containers soliciting funds for the drive. Shown here as they were checking in with their collections are (back row) Mary Simpson, Nancy Farrell, Jean Hedberg, Ann Gilles, Josephine White, and Jo Anne Weber; (front row) Janice Dabbs, Mary Steele, Gloria Bowen, and Mrs. Clara A. Conner, local chairman of the drive.

Polio Claims Life of Lomita Seven-Year-Old

Minutes after a diagnosis of polio Friday, death claimed Joanne Laura Stalcup, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Stalcup, 2127 W. 248th St., Lomita.

The girl died at home of respiratory paralysis shortly before noon, the attending physician said, as arrangements were being made to take her to a hospital for treatment for infantile paralysis.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Gamby Mortuary in Lomita.

Russell Lund's Mother Dies, Rites in Iowa

Death came Friday for Gertrude Alameda Lund, 68-year-old mother of Russell Lund, 1417 Post Ave., Mrs. Lund, who had been ill since June, died in a Los Angeles hospital.

A native of Gravity, Iowa, Mrs. Lund had lived in Shenandoah, Ia., for 48 years, where she operated a ladies apparel shop.

She was an active member of the First Methodist Church in Shenandoah and was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club; of the Deers, auxiliary of the Elks club; and of the Degree of Honor lodge.

Besides her son here, she leaves a brother, William Savvel of Burlington Junction, Mo.; and a grandson, William A. Lund of Santa Monica.

Funeral services will be held later this week in the Buntz Funeral Home in Shenandoah. Interment will be beside her husband in the Gravity cemetery.

Her son Russell, a local insurance broker, will return to Iowa tomorrow for his mother's final rites.

Arrangements here were conducted by Stone and Myers Mortuary.



ASKS FOR BLOOD . . . Emphasizing the need for blood to supply the demands of the wounded in Korea is Miss Anna Svenski, of 1523-B Marcellina, who is holding up a blood recruitment poster. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Torrance Civic Auditorium Feb. 9. Appointments for blood donations are being accepted now by the Red Cross at Torrance 3447.

City Pigeonholes Spot Zoning Plan

Planners Study Maps for \$3,000,000 in New Subdivisions for North Torrance, Kettler

Torrance-Lomita Realty Board's action opposing the 1000 square foot minimum area for homes in this city was shelved at last Wednesday night's Planning Commission meeting.

To impose such a limitation would create a hardship on the working man, of which Torrance area is largely composed, the board's letter before the commission read. It also would cause considerable wrangling and would subject the city to considerable expense and possible law suits.

The realty board recommended "spot zoning" rather than a blanket ban against homes with less than the proposed minimum requirement.

Such a zone plan would divide single-family residences into three groups: R-1—800 square feet or less; R-1A—800 to 1000 square feet; and R-1D—1000 square feet and up.

No decision on the spot-zoning proposal was made, but President Beverly B. Smith, ordered the communication filed as a matter of record.

The Commission unanimously approved the northeast quarter of Lot 32 of the McDonald Tract for an elementary school site following a motion made by R. J. Deininger and seconded by Whitcomb.

A second request from the Torrance Unified School District regarding withholding approval of any subdivisions near or in the vicinity of the intersections of Yukon Ave. and 182nd St. will be answered by letter from President Smith.

A new map of Tract No. 16554, containing 48 lots along the prolongation of 176th St. between Prairie and Ainsworth Aves. will be considered by the Commission at its next meeting.

Request for the revised map was made following a statement by Watt, of the Watt Development Co., that the measurements on the map considered this week by the Commission were not exact. A new map, he said, would show that he had enough footage to bring all lots up to the 5000 square foot minimum requirement.

The Commission had previously voted to recommend the map to the City Council for approval providing the tract were reduced to 46 lots in order to meet the minimum footage requirement.

Chairman John Salm and his committee, H. R. Black and R. S. Whitcomb, will study the site of another Watt Development Co. tract, No. 16326, containing 23 lots along the easterly prolongation of 171st St., East of Casimir Ave., and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

The committee was appointed

American Legion To Install 100 New Members

One hundred new members of Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post No. 170 and their wives will be feted next Saturday night, Jan. 31, at an initiation and buffet dinner to begin at the Border Ave. clubhouse at 8 o'clock.

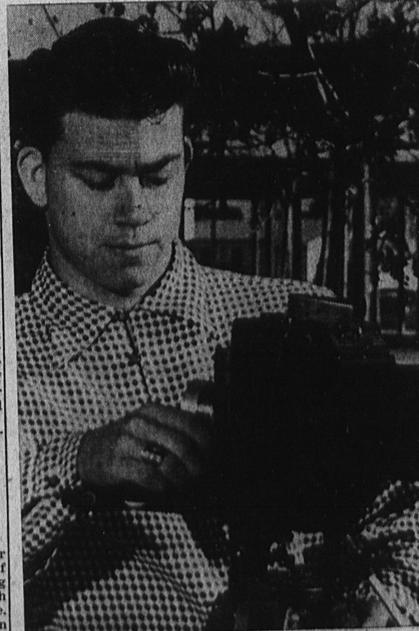
"This will bring the total membership to around 300," said Gordon Arnold, Membership chairman.

All veterans who are not affiliated with any other veterans group may join Post No. 170 by calling 1329, 1569-J, 994-M, or 938-W, he revealed. Members of other posts also may transfer to this unit, which is headed by Commandant Harry Green.

Boys Glee Club To Sing Tonight

Under the direction of Walter Slike, the Boys Glee Club of Torrance High School will sing at the First Methodist Church at tonight's 7:30 o'clock service.

New members who have been received into the church during the last three months will be given recognition. To be honored are Messrs. and Mesdames Floyd Andrus, Leo Christian, Walter Thumann, Earle Peterson, Stanley G. Roberts and sons Gerald and Allyn, Robert D. Evans, Archibald Turner, R. A. Hollins, Glenn P. Hollins, William Porter, Richard Brown, J. W. Lockhart, and Robert Flowers.



TECH PHOTOGRAPHY MAJOR . . . Paul Comon, S'49 graduate of Torrance High School, who is currently enrolled as a photography major at Harbor Junior College, learns to use a Speed Graphic camera as part of his training in the two-year technical course. Comon, who lives at 1533 W. 226th St., and is a veteran of the Korean War, plans to enter the field of news photography upon completion of the Tech course, which is designed to train students in the knowledge and skills required in all phases of professional photography, including news, industrial, and portrait photography and photolithography.



(Herald Photo)

HOT SEAT . . . This hole in the floor is what Battalion Chief Gene Walker found when he and Torrance firemen answered a call to the home of A. M. Bingham, 2354 Sonoma, early Sunday morning. The Bingham returned home after an evening with friends to find the burning hole where an overstuffed chair had sat. A cigarette was given credit for the mess.